

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The amendment to the Specification presented above corrects an apparent juxtaposition of a broad and preferred range, and removes a double recitation of the preferred range. The application now contains claims 1 through 17, of which, only claim 1 has been amended. Claim 1 has been amended to include the broadest embodiment described on page 11 of the Specification. Neither the correction of the specification, nor the amendment of the claim, presents any "new matter".

Applicants have been required under 35 USC Section 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. Applicants hereby elect the species wherein the polyalkene is polyisobutene, the enophile is maleic anhydride and the free radical inhibitor is phenothiazine (unsubstituted). All present claims read on the elected species.

No traversal of the requirement for election of species is presented. However, in the event the claims are restricted to the elected species, applicants expressly reserve their right to file a divisional application claiming the non-elected subject matter.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that substantive examination of the application proceed.

Respectfully submitted,



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